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Senator Menendez to host New Jersey Service Academy Candidates

Academy Day to be held at Navy Lakehurst

August 3, 2006; LAKEHURST, NJ – Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst will be the site of an Academy Day event scheduled for **Sunday, August 6th, from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.** The event will bring representatives from the five service academies (Annapolis, West Point, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy), along with ROTC recruiters, to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station for a day of presentations to prospective academy candidates from the state of New Jersey. The day is being hosted by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and will include presentations, information booths and static displays of military aircraft, vehicles and equipment for the candidates and their parents.

“This is the fourth year that this event is being conducted at Lakehurst. Last year’s was a great success and had over 700 attendees. The event should prove to be very informative to the candidates and their parents. It will help to give them a better understanding of the similarities and differences among the various academies,” according to Tom Worsdale, Lakehurst Public Affairs Officer.

“As a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, I understand the magnitude of the decision these top New Jersey high school students and their parents are contemplating”, said CAPT Bret Gordon,

Commanding Officer of Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst. “The Academy Day program provides these students and their parents with a unique opportunity to learn first-hand the requirements and opportunities associated with each U.S. Service Academy program. As a Joint Service installation, Lakehurst is proud of our continuing support for this important multi-service information day.”

Candidates were sent written invitations by Senator Menendez’s office and will only be admitted with prior RSVPs.

Media are invited to attend and should arrive at the front gate by 8:45 a.m. Remarks by Senator Menendez will be made at approximately 9:15 a.m. followed by presentations from the individual academies. Static displays will be set up all day.

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